

I claim:

1. A method of broadcasting activity occurring in a baseball game, wherein the activity includes one or more base runners occupying bases in a field where the baseball game is being played, comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing a video image of activity occurring in the baseball game;
- (ii) creating a graphic overlay for the video image, the graphic overlay providing indicia representing identity information of the one or more base runners occupying bases; and
- (iii) combining the graphic overlay and the video image to create a combined image comprising the graphic overlay and the video image.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of combining the graphic overlay and the video image comprises the step of overlying the graphic overlay over only a minor portion of the video image.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a video image comprises providing a real-time image of activity occurring in the baseball game.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicia representing identity information of the one or more base runners occupying bases is provided in the form of uniform numbers of the base runners.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein:

- (i) the step of providing a video image of activity occurring in the baseball game comprises generating a video image signal using a video image source;
- (ii) the step of creating a graphic overlay for the video image comprises the step of generating a video graphic signal using a graphic overlay generator; and

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- (iii) the step of combining the graphic overlay and the video image to create a combined image comprising the graphic overlay and the video image comprises the step of mixing the video image signal and the video graphic signal using a mixer.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the combined image is provided in the form of a mixed video signal output by the mixer, the mixed video signal capable of being broadcast to a viewing screen.

7. A system for of broadcasting activity occurring in a baseball game, wherein the activity includes one or more base runners occupying bases in a field where the baseball game is being played, comprising:

- (i) a video image source for providing a video image signal representing activity occurring in the baseball game;
- (ii) a graphic overlay generator for creating a graphic overlay for the video image in the form of a video graphic signal, the graphic overlay providing indicia representing identity information of the one or more base runners occupying bases; and
- (iii) a video mixer for combining the graphic overlay and the video image to create a combined image comprising the graphic overlay and the video image.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the graphic overlay covers only a minor portion of the video image.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein the video image signal is a real-time image signal of activity occurring in the baseball game.

10. The system of claim 7, wherein the indicia representing identity information of the one or more base runners occupying bases is provided in the form of uniform numbers of the base runners.

11. The system of claim 7, wherein the combined image is provided in the form of a mixed video signal output by the video mixer, the mixed video signal capable of being broadcast to a viewing screen.

12. An improved graphic overlay for a video image of activity occurring in a baseball game, wherein the activity includes one or more base runners occupying bases in a field where the baseball game is being played, the improved graphic overlay providing indicia representing identity information of the one or more base runners occupying bases.

13. The improved graphic overlay of claim 12, wherein the indicia representing identity information of the one or more base runners occupying bases is provided in the form of uniform numbers of the base runners.

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